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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (Cancelled)

43. (**Currently amended**) An oligonucleotide consisting of between 10-30 nucleotide units, which contains three adjacently located nucleotide sequences, A, B and C, in the following order (5' to 3'):

A-B-C or C-B-A.

in which

A consists of between 2 and <u>8</u> [[5]] <u>locked</u> nucleotide units, wherein between 1 and 5 of the nucleotide units in A are locked nucleotide units;

B consists of <u>no more than</u> between 5 and 10 nucleotide units, wherein B comprises nucleotide units selected from the group consisting of <u>only 3, 4</u>, or 5 contiguous 2'-deoxy-erythro-pentofuranosyl nucleotide units, <u>ribo-pentofuranosyl and alpha-L-oxy LNA</u> nucleotide units, wherein B <u>and</u> comprises at least one alpha-L-oxy LNA nucleotide unit; and

C consists of between 2 and <u>8</u> [[5]] <u>locked</u> nucleotides units <del>wherein between 1</del> and 5 of the nucleotide units in C are locked nucleotide units, wherein one or both of A and C comprise at least two consecutive locked nucleotide units.

44. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when the oligonucleotide is hybridized to a target RNA molecule.

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45. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 44, in which B consists of 2'-deoxy-erythro-pentofuranosyl nucleotide units and alpha-L-oxy LNA nucleotide units.

- 46. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide a according to claim 45, wherein the locked nucleotide units in A and C are selected from the group consisting of oxy-LNA, thio-LNA and amino-LNA nucleotide units, wherein the LNA nucleotide units are in either the alpha or beta configuration.
- 47. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA nucleotide units.

48-53. (Canceled)

- 54. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein A consists of 2, 3, 4 or 5 LNA nucleotide units.
- 55. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein C consists of 2, 3, 4 or 5 LNA nucleotide units.
- 56. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 54, wherein C consists of 2, 3, 4 or 5 LNA nucleotide units.
- 57. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein the oligonucleotide consists of 10-20 nucleotide units.

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58. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein the oligonucleotide consists of 12-18 nucleotide units.

- 59. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein the oligonucleotide consists of 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 nucleotide units.
- 60. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein the oligonucleotide consists of 16 nucleotide units.
  - 61. (Cancelled)
- 62. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein B consists of 5, 6, 7 or 8 nucleotide units.
  - 63-64. (Cancelled)
- 65. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, in which the linkages between the nucleotide units in the oligonucleotide comprise at least one linkage which is not a  $-O-P(O)_2-O-linkage$
- 66. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, in which the linkages between the nucleotide units in B in the oligonucleotide comprises at least one phosphothioate linkage
- 67. (Previously presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 45, wherein the linkages between the nucleotide units are phosphorothioate internucleoside linkages.
  - 68. (Cancelled)

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69. (**Currently amended**) A composition comprising an oligonucleotide according to any of claims 43-47, 54-60, 62 and [[65-68]] <u>65-67</u>.

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70. (**Currently amended**) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an oligonucleotide according to any of claims 43-47, 54-60, 62 and [[65-68]] <u>65-67</u> and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

## 71. (Cancelled)

72. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 70, which further comprises a second antisense compound, a chemotherapeutic compound, an antiinflammatory compound and/or an antiviral compound.